

## LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING MINUTES – June 28, 2016

Present: Greg Armstrong, Richard Skidmore, Roberta Van Goethem, John Henry, Richard Willing, Ross Stadnyk, Jay & Gloria Turkovsky, Jane Whitefield, Olivia Kelcher, Cherie Moffatt, Mark Hauanio and Community Police Officers Kamalii and Waipa.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Greg Armstrong.

Officer Kamalii gave the Puna Crime statistics from the first of June. There were six Burglaries in Puna District, including one in Leilani Estates. The one in Leilani was a homeless person who knew the victim (previously lived at the victim's home). There were no Robberies reported in Puna during this period, three Unauthorized Entries to Motor Vehicles and two Stolen Vehicles – all within Hawaiian Beaches and/or HPP.

Officers Kamalii and Waipa began patrolling Leilani Estates on bicycles last week (two days) and will continue monthly. They park their vehicles at the LCA Office while on bike patrol. Residents are welcome to join them on their own bicycles.

At next month's NW meeting, Officer Kamalii will present an "Active Shooters" Powerpoint presentation. He noted that the Hawaii Island Police Officers are in the process of upgrading from Smith & Weston pistols to Glocks.

Mark inquired as to the status of a previous request to place a speed board in Leilani Estates. Officer Kamalii said that he checked on it and was told that the South Hilo/Puna District speed board is currently not operational.

There was a discussion about barking dogs. Officer Kamalii noted that first you must contact the dog owner and document it. Then, you can call the police non-emergency number and/or the Hawaii Island Humane Society. The Humane Society will intervene if the dog is being neglected. If the dog is aggressive and you feel that you are in danger, then it is OK to call 911.

The May 31<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes were provided as handouts and reviewed by those attending. Mark made the motion to approve the May minutes and Gloria seconded the motion. All attending were in favor.

Roberta gave the Treasury Report, indicating a balance of \$1,543.44 as of 6/28/16. Richard W. made the motion to approve the Treasury Report, Jay seconded the motion and all attending approved. Roberta also noted that the Audit Committee still needs to meet to review the 2015-2016 financials. The Committee (Richard W., Ross and Jay) will meet ASAP in July.

Roberta noted that no new volunteers have signed up so no training occurred in May or June. Recruitment will continue at the monthly Garage Sale. There are 4 slots open on the weekday schedule (two on Wednesdays) and seven openings on weekend nights.

Greg reported that the "Active Shooter" presentation was done at the June Puna Watch meeting. Also, the Squatter Legislation that passed this last session did little to actually address the situation. It was basically a minor revision to the Nuisance Abatement law. The Prosecutor's Office recognized four Neighborhood Watch organizations at the Puna Watch meeting – including Leilani Estates. A new

banner was presented and after some discussion it was decided to place it at the corner of Leilani Ave and Hwy 130 on new posts and affixed to a backing board. Mark and Ross volunteered for that project.

Mark updated the group on the Albizia Control project. Volunteers worked on albizias along Moku street on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The Big Island Invasive Species group will conduct workshops again on Saturdays July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 am. Mark will ask them about possibly including Miconia in their eradication efforts.

Richard reported that there seven loose dogs photographed and included in the June Dog Issues Report. Three first warnings were issued, one second violation and no third violations. One problem dog on Nohea continues to be an issue and the HIHS is aware of it. A formal complaint regarding noisy barking dogs on Nohea was filed with the LCA this week.

Greg said that the Little Fire Ant community project has scheduled training on Monday, August 22 to train volunteers and treat up to 30 acres of LCA Park and surrounding property. The training time has not been determined but will likely be in the daytime to allow LCA staff to attend.

Greg informed the group of the following upcoming events:

Saturday, July 2nd @ 7-11 am – Monthly Garage Sale

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12-3 pm– Community Potluck/BBQ

Tuesday, July 5th @ 6 pm – Dinner and Bingo

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm - Leilani Community Center**